AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1   (Currently Amended): A computer system, comprising:

an input system that receives a file save command;

a rendering system for rendering a file save interface in response to the input system receiving the file save command, the input system configured to receive in electronic ink format a property value of a document or file on or accessible by the computer system in the file save interface;

a storage system that stores the property value of the document or file in electronic ink format; and

an ink access system that allows the operating system to access the stored property value in electronic ink format,

wherein the rendering system renders the stored property value in electronic ink format as part of a file preview operation, the file preview discloses a limited information portion of the document or file, and

wherein the property value in electronic ink format includes an electronic ink filename for the document or file.

2-7   (Canceled)

8   (Previously Presented): A computer system according to claim 1, wherein the input system is activated in response to a command from an application program requesting activation of electronic ink input with respect to at least one document or file in the application program.

9-10 (Canceled)

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11   (Previously Presented): A computer system according to claim 1, wherein the input system is further configured to receive from a user a change to the property value in electronic ink format associated with the document or file.

12   (previously presented): A computer system according to claim 1, wherein the property value in electronic ink format includes an electronic ink author identification.

13   (Currently Amended): A method, comprising:

    receiving a file save command;

    displaying a file save interface responsive to receiving the file save command;

    receiving in electronic ink format in the file save interface a property value of a document or file on or accessible by a computer ;

    storing the property value of the document or file in electronic ink format for a later display on a display-interface in electronic ink format;

    providing operating system access to the stored property value in electronic ink format; and

    rendering the stored property value in electronic ink format as part of a file preview operation, the file preview operation filters information of the document or file such that a portion less than a whole of the document or less than a whole of the file is part of a file preview,

    wherein the property value in electronic ink format includes an electronic filename for the document or file.

14-20   (Canceled)

21   (Previously Presented): A method according to claim 13, further comprising:

    receiving input from an application program activating an electronic ink input system for receiving the property value in electronic ink format associated with the document or file.

22-23   (Canceled)

24   (Previously Presented): A method according to claim 13, further including receiving from a user changes to the property value in electronic ink format associated with the document or file.

25   (Canceled)

26   (Previously Presented): A method according to claim 13, wherein the property value in electronic ink format includes an electronic ink author identification, and an electronic ink comment.

27-44. (Cancelled)

45.   (New) The method of claim 1, further comprising disclosing the file preview.

46.   (New) The method of claim 45, the file preview includes at least two functions.

47.   (New) The method of claim 46, one of the functions includes expanding the file preview into the file.

48.   (New) The method of claim 13, further comprising disclosing the file preview.

49.   (New) The method of claim 48, the file preview includes at least two functions.

50.   (New) The method of claim 49, one of the functions includes expanding the file preview into the file or document.

51.   (New) A method, comprising:

storing a file;

obtaining electronic ink information that relates to the file;

retaining the obtained electronic ink information in an ink serialized format;

defining a metadata property associated with the stored file, the metadata property includes a set of ink stroke that corresponds to the retained electronic ink information;

collecting a rendering command and bitmap dimensions;

converting the electronic ink information from the ink serialized format to a bitmap of the collected bitmap dimensions;

preparing a file listing;

querying files to be included in the file listing to discover ink files; and

populating the file listing with at least a portion of ink files discovered in the query.

52.   (New) The method of claim 51, further comprising defining an enhanced parallel property associated with the stored file, the parallel property is in an enhanced metadata format.

53.   (New) The method of claim 52, further comprising promoting the metadata property and enhanced parallel property into a data performance cache.

54.   (New) The method of claim 51, further comprising displaying populated ink tiles in an appropriate location in place of text information.